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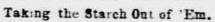
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A knot of idlers stood upon the end of a pier which ran out into the dollars. Hudson River, in one of the small towns near Albany, amusing them- ten-spots jes' vet, Cap'n. selves with hurling stones into the broad stream, each vieing with his neighbor in the endeavor to pitch the mussile at the fartherest distance from the shore, when a tall, rugged-built Vermonter, direct from the green fulls, suddenly made his appearance in their midst, and for awhile remained a quiet observer of their movements.

He was a very brawny, stronglooking Yankee, and was very decently clad. I he efforts of the little party had been exhibited over and over again, when the stranger picked up halt a brick which lav near him, and giving it a jerk, it fell into the water a long way beyond the line which had as yet been reached by the foremost of the crowd. At the conclusion of this feat, a loud 'bravo' around him.

It was a cold clear day in October. and the men determined not to be outdone, renewed their attempts, but the Vermonter, without saying syllable to any one, continued to ditch the pebbles far out into the stream, which seemed to annoy one ii a green jacket, the apparent leader d too gang, who declared he wouldn't be beaten by a fellow right straight out of the woods, nohow: and, stiding up to the stranger, he latermin d to make his acquaint-

Where do you come from, neighor? he asked.

*Me? Wal. I hads from Vermont, ies' now, friend."

"Ain't been in these parts long, I

ecken?" ·Wai-no. Notenzactly yere-but

up and daown, sorter." 'Yis, so I 'sposed.'

'Yaas,' continued the green'un, carelessly, and seizing a large billet of wood, twirled it over his head, and it landed several rods from the shore in the water.

'You've a little strength in your arms, neighbor."

*Some pumpkins with them flip pers, stranger, up in our taown a munth ago,1 driv them knuckles right strait thru a board more'n a much's

'Haw, haw, shouted the hearers, the man in the green jacket laughing the loudest.

'May be you don't believe it?'

'Not much,' answered the crowd. ·We ain't very green down here in York-we ain't,' said the fellow in the green jacket: 'we've been

ibout, you bet.' 'Wal, jes' look here, friend,' continued the Vermonter, in the most plausible manner: 'we, in aour country, we've got a purty big river, considerin'-Injun River, it's called, and may-be you've hearn on it. Wal, I hove a man clean across that river t'other day, and he came down fair and square on t'other side.'

'Ha, ha, ha,' yelled his auditors. 'Wai, naow, you may laff, but

kın do it agaın.' 'Do what?' said the green jacket, quickly.

·1 ken take and hove you across that river yonder, jes' like open and

'Bet you ten dollars of it.'

'Done,' said the Yankee, and drawing forth a bill (upon a broken down-east bank) he covered the shin-

'Ken ve swim. teller?'

·Like a duck,' said the green jacket-and without further parley the Vermonter seized the knowing Yorker stoutly by the nape of the neck and seat of the pants, jerked him from his foothold, and with an almost superhuman effort dashed him heels over head, from the end of the dock, some ten yards in the Hud-

A terrific shout rang through the crowd as he floundered in the water. and amidst the cheers and screams of his companions, the ducked loafer put back to the shore and scratched up the bank, half trozen by this sudden and involuntary cold bath.

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·Wal, I reckon you won't take no

'Why? You lost the bet.' ·Not edzactly. I didn't calkilate on duin' it the fust-time-but I tell yo't I ken den it,' and again, in spite of the loafer's utmost efforts to escape him, he seized him by the neck and the seat of his overalls and pitched him three yards further into the river than upon the first trial.

Again green jacket returned amid the shouts of his mates, who enjoyed the sport immensely.

'Third time never fails,' said the Yankee, stripping off his coat; 'I ken den it. I tell ve.'

·Hold on!' said the almost petrified victim.

And I will dea it-ef I try till tomorrow mornin'.

'I give it up,' shouted the sutterer, between his teeth, which now chatwent up from half a dozen voices tered like a mad badger's-take the

The Vermonter very coolly pocketed the stakes, and as he turned away remarked:--

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Noland first gained prominence in St. Louis by his defense of Katovsky, for the murder of Augusta Simon. A graduate of the St. Louis law school, he received there the honors of the finest orator of his class. After some years of success at the bar he got into a political dilficulty with Henry Laughlin and was soundly thrashed in the streets by Henry's brother Julian. Humiliated by this he moved to Springfield. He was prominent in politics there and a delegate to both the Democratic conventions this year .-St. Louis Journal.

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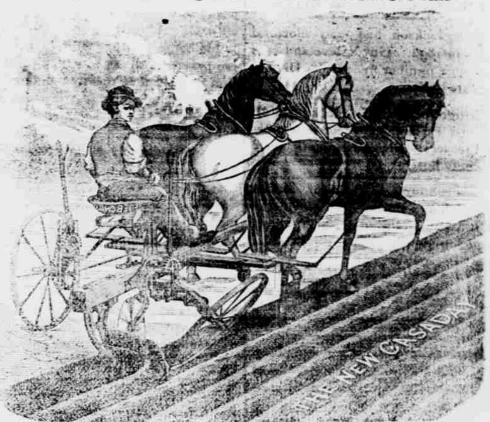
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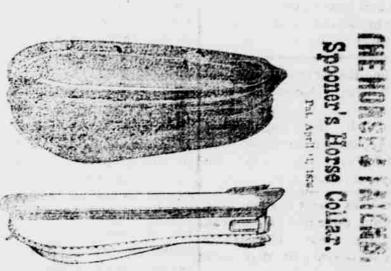
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